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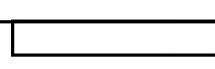
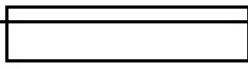
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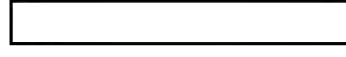


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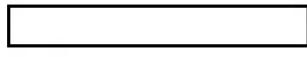
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5. [REDACTED] Called Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, to ask about the status of Senator Case's inquiry to the Department about Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

Abshire said that, pursuant to our discussion last week, he had tried to get in touch with Case by phone but the Senator was on the campaign trail and has not been accessible. However Abshire has left word with the Senator's secretary and expects the Senator to call him shortly. He will advise us of the results.

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1. [REDACTED] David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say that they had talked over in the Department how best to respond to Senator Clifford Case's query about Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. They accordingly propose that a bland "boilerplate" letter be drafted to Case and that as a follow-up to the letter Ambassador Symmes (of Abshire's office) and Dick Davies, of the European Division of State, meet personally with Case and answer any further questions he might have, including anything affecting the Agency.

Abshire said that incidentally Frank Shakespeare, Director of USIA, has received a query from Senator Case about RFE and RL asking, among other things, about the feasibility of USIA taking over these activities. Abshire said Shakespeare was very anxious to talk personally to Case to explain the importance of RFE and RL, and wondered if we had any objection.

After checking with Cord Meyer, ADDP, I called Abshire back to say that we concurred in their proposal to send the letter and meet personally with Case, but would like to see a draft of the letter in advance. I said we would urge that they talk only to Case and not to members of his staff. I also said we had no objection to Frank Shakespeare talking to Case as suggested.

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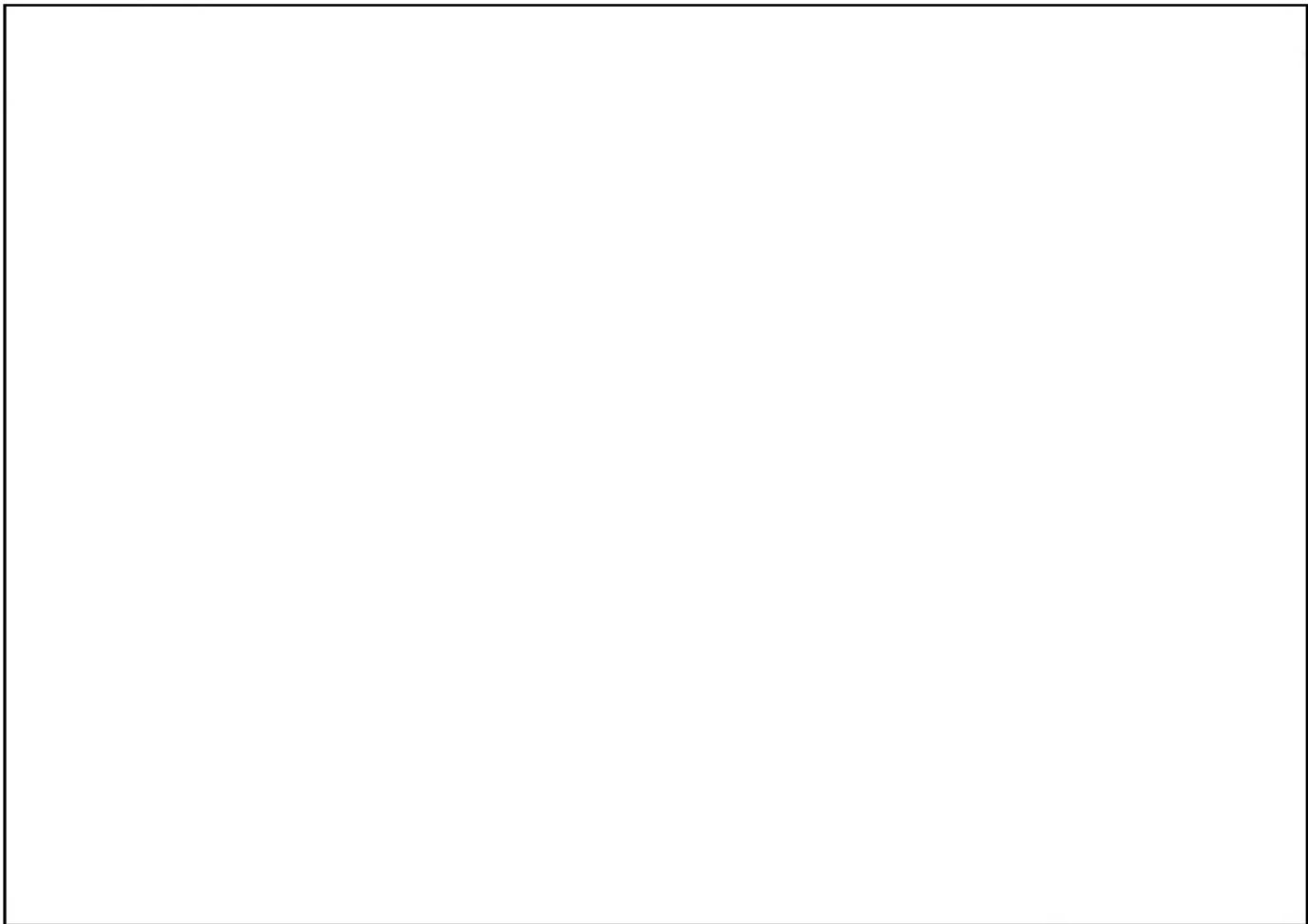
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ll. [redacted] Called Dave Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, to ask if there had been any decision on the handling of Senator Case's inquiry about Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. He said he would check with [redacted] and let me know shortly.

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I invited Mr. Abshire and his Deputy, Ambassador Harry Symmes, to visit the Agency for lunch next week.

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2. [REDACTED] Talked with David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, about contact which had been made with the Agency by USIA on a letter from Senator Clifford Case to the Secretary of State, dated 8 October, on the subject of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. I told Mr. Abshire that we were concerned about the policy and political implications as to how this inquiry should be handled and asked him if he would forward to us a copy of Case's letter for our study. I said that while the answers to the questions in Case's letter were easy the question of how this would be handled would probably require high level decision. Mr. Abshire was most cooperative and agreed to hold this matter in abeyance until further word from us.

See Mr. [REDACTED] Memo for the Record.

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3. [REDACTED] Received a call from Mr. Marvin Cox, Office of General Counsel, USIA, who called concerning a letter to the Secretary of State from Senator Clifford P. Case (R., N.J.). The letter raises several questions concerning Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Mr. Cox said he had talked to the Senator's staff during the morning and told them the letter is being transferred to another agency for action. The Senator's office had no objection to the transfer. See Memorandum for the Record.

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